

**MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
NOVEMBER 18, 2015
6:30 P.M.**

**PLUMMER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER,
7377 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, ROOMS 5 AND 6,
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA 90069**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by David Warren.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
Oscar Delgado led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. Reminder to Speak Clearly Into Microphone and to Turn Off All Cellular Phones and Pagers

The Commissioners and public were reminded to speak clearly into their microphones to accommodate the public record tapes and the hearing-impaired.

C. Roll Call

Commissioners present:

Richard Bernard, Misti Cooper, William Doebler, David Eichman, Evan Richter, David Warren, Dan Wentzel

Commissioners absent:

None

Staff present:

Oscar Delgado, Department of Public Works Director
Jackie Rocco, Parking Operations Manager
Don Norte, Parking Services Officer
Rod Marquez, Parking Operations Supervisor
Eric Ruiz, Parking Enforcement
Walter Davis, Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Specialist
Bob Cheung, Senior Transportation Planner
Perri Sloane Goodman, Transportation Program Administrator
Joanna Hankamer, Special Projects Senior Planner
Lieutenant Dave Smith, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Danny Casillas, Administrative Specialist III

- D. Approval of the Agenda of November 18, 2015, Transportation Commission meeting.

Move items 9A and 9B ahead of the Public Hearing.

David Eichman requested that the Transportation Commission adjourn in memory of people killed in the Paris and Lebanon terrorist attacks, specifically Nohemi Gonzalez.

Motion: Second:

All ayes.

Motion passed.

- E. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Approve minutes, Commission meeting of October 21, 2015 with the following corrections;

Page 6: Identify Eichman as making motion.

Page 7: Identify what budget is 25% of.

Page 9: Correct non-rapid bus stop at Crescent Heights/Santa Monica Boulevard.

Page 10: Rephrase Warren's comment on advertising free of Charge and correct Eastside Neighborhood Traffic Management Program.

Page 11: Change name of Sales tax Measure.

Moved: Eichman Second: Richter

Aye: Richard Bernard, William Doebler, David Eichman, Evan Richter, David Warren, Dan Wentzel

Abstain: Misti Cooper,

Motion passed.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

No items.

3. ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

Kevin Burton, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the WeHo bike Coalition and the bike light give away.

Ben Coleman, WEST HOLLYWOOD, introduced himself as the Public Safety Commission Liaison and spoke about safety issues.

Randall Derrick, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about parking infrastructure and new construction on Fairfax north of Santa Monica Boulevard.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

A. Traffic Disruptions Response

Oscar Delgado and Lieutenant Dave Smith explained the processes of response to various traffic interruption scenarios.

Ben Coleman, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked staff for their responsiveness.

Commissioner Wentzel thanked Staff and asked about major events, like earthquakes.

Lieutenant Dave Smith explained the processes.

Commissioner Doebler emphasized the need for a number to call on the website to obtain information.

Commissioner Warren asked about using Nixle.

Oscar Delgado explained why it was not really an appropriate application for minor traffic tie ups.

Commissioner Bernard thanked staff and asked how staff would provide the same information to those who do not have smart phones or who only speak Russian.

Oscar Delgado explained that there is staff available by phone for anyone who needs information translated.

Commissioner Warren expressed concern for pedestrians in situations where major intersections are compromised. He also expressed concern for how information about disruptions gets out, especially planned interruptions. He suggested having some form of single source of information for transportation issues. He thanked staff.

B. Anti-Gridlock Enforcement

Rod Marquez explained how the Anti-Gridlock program works.

Commissioner Richter asked how often officers enforce the ordinance.

Rod Marquez replied that they are active a few times a week.

Commissioner Bernard asked if there is any information for the public that explains what the term gridlock means.

Rod Marquez said that signs are posted in intersections.

Commissioner Eichman asked how many citations are issued per month.

Rod Marquez said that the average is about 200, but that varies throughout the year depending on seasonal day light.

Commissioner Eichman asked how many of those citations are contested.

Rod Marquez said that a few are, but the photographic evidence is compelling.

Commissioner Eichman asked what happens to fees collected.

Rod Marquez said that they go into the General Fund.

Commissioner Doebler thanked staff and asked if signage is mandatory for issuance of tickets.

Rod Marquez replied that it is.

Commissioner Doebler asked if the West Hollywood signs are larger than what the vehicle code requires.

Rod Marquez said that they are.

Commissioner Doebler asked how enforcement is determined.

Rod Marquez replied that it is determined by staff observance and complaints.

Commissioner Warren mentioned an issue with cars in the intersection at La Cienega and Santa Monica Boulevard.

Eric Ruiz explained that those cars can not be cited since they are in motion, even if slowly, and are not standing in the intersection.

Commissioner Warren asked if gridlock is a continual problem.

Rod Marquez replied that the program has been successful because there is less gridlock and fewer citations being issued.

Commissioner Eichman stated that 9200 Sunset seems to have benefitted from the program.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Daytime Pilot Program Implementing A Two (2) Hour Time Limit On the South Side Of Harratt Street From Hammond Street To The End Of The Cul-De-Sac

Staff report by Don Norte

Wendy Goldman, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke WITH CONCERNS REGARDING Staff report recommendations.

Commissioner Bernard asked about spillover parking.

Don Norte explained how that is monitored.

Commissioner Bernard asked if a pilot, such as this one, has ever been reversed.

Don Norte replied no.

Commissioner Bernard asked if there is a tonnage limitation for the street, referring to load bearing trucks from construction sites.

Don Norte said he did not know if there was.

Commissioner Eichman reminded the Commission that there must be a route for such trucks approved for the project.

Commissioner Warren asked about issues with UPS and other delivery services in large trucks.

Jackie Rocco explained the specific issues with delivery services and special challenges.

Commissioner Warren asked about the origin of the request.

Don Norte explained.

Commissioner Warren said that he did not understand the non-residential percentage that is required.

Jackie Rocco explained.

Commissioner Warren said he disagrees with the 85% requirement.

Jackie Rocco explained that 85% is an established Transportation benchmark.

Commissioner Warren asked if there has been a case where there has not been enough support for such changes.

Don Norte replied that they all eventually get support.

Motion: Recommend that the Transportation Commission advise the City Council to approve a pilot program implementing a two (2) hour time limit from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., every day on Harratt Street from Hammond Street to the end of the cul-de-sac with an exemption for vehicles displaying Preferential Parking District 5 parking passes.

Present the findings of the pilot program to the Transportation Commission after six (6) months to render a final recommendation to the City Council to introduce new legislation adopting the two (2) hour time limit permanently.

Moved: Doebler Second: Cooper

All Ayes:

Motion passed.

B. West Hollywood West Traffic Calming

Staff report by Walter Davis

Commissioner Bernard asked if there had ever been a pilot that had not been successful.

Walter Davis said there has been and cited the Cynthia Traffic Circles.

Motion: Recommend to the City Council the installation of a test speed lump on Westmount Drive between Melrose Avenue and Rosewood Avenue.

Moved: Richter

Second: Cooper

All Ayes:

Motion passed.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Aging In Place/Aging In Community 5-Year Strategic Plan

Staff report by Perri Sloane Goodman

Commissioner Richter asked what percentage of West Hollywood residents are over 65.

Perri Sloane Goodman replied that about 30% were over 65, but the number is declining.

Commissioner Bernard asked what would be the measures of success.

Perri Sloane Goodman replied that a consulting team would be brought in to determine that.

Commissioner Cooper asked if the Aging In Place plan falls into the Affordable Housing Program.

Perri Sloane Goodman replied that they are related, but separate.

Commissioner Wentzel asked if there is a reduced rate for seniors on Uber or Lyft.

Perri Sloane Goodman said there is not one, yet.

Commissioner Eichman asked how the people who were profiled were chosen.

Perri Sloane Goodman replied that she didn't know, but diverse points of view were sought out.

Commissioner Warren commented that there are trade-offs that come with focusing on the elderly, such as longer crossing times which

would impact traffic flow. He mentioned that his 70 year old neighbor is not aware of programs and services that are available to the aged.

Perri Sloane Goodman replied that that is exactly the point of the plan; to figure out how to reach the community.

6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

7. OLD BUSINESS

No item.

8. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: Items removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion are considered at this time.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

C. Rail Advocacy Update

10. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

Bernard

- Request for report on car share usage

Richter

- Discounted fares for seniors

Wentzel

- Alignment chosen for Palm Springs

Eichman

- Thanks to Kevin Burton for participation in Operation Firefly
- Melrose Streetscape Design District
- Hoverboard restrictions

Doebler

- Hoverboards
- San Vicente/Beverly Boulevard turn signal

- Bike lane at San Vicente/Melrose issue

Warren

- Monthly Bike Share updates
- Bike lane at San Vicente/Melrose issue
- Bike/Ped Plan work session
- Response to Item From Public
- Transportation Review for large projects
- Security Ambassadors & Operation Firefly

11. ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

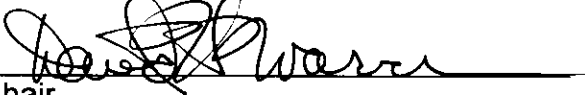
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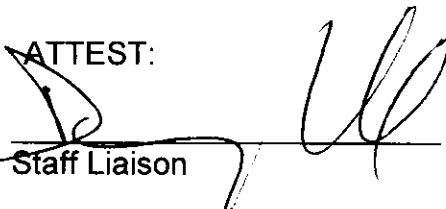
12. ADJOURNMENT

Action: The Transportation Commission adjourned in memory of people killed in the Paris and Lebanon terrorist attacks, specifically Nohemi Gonzalez at 9:35 p.m. until the next meeting on December 16, 2015, 6:30 p.m., Plummer Park Community Center, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, Rooms 5 and 6, West Hollywood, California 90069

Moved: Eichman Second: Wentzel
All ayes.
Motion passed.

APPROVED BY MOTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION THIS
16TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2015.


Chair

ATTEST:

Staff Liaison

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